ARTICLES of direction touching Alehouſes.

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touching Alehouſes.

FIrſt, that in euery Pariſh, Hamlet, Townſhip or Precinct, there bee perfect and true Certificate made, how many Alehouſes, or Victualling houſes were the laſt day of February laſt paſt, And how many of them by Licence, and how many not, And what perſons in the places aforeſaid keepe any Innes, and how long time the ſaide Houſe or Houſes haue beene kept and vſed for Innes.

ALſo the Juſtices of the Peace in their ſeueral Limits and Diuiſions, taking Information from the high Conſtables of the Hundred, Church-

wardens and petie Constables, with o-ther the substantiall Inhabitants of euery Parish, Hamlet, Towneship or Precinct, how many Alehouses, and Victualling houses are fit there to bee kept, and who are the fittest persons in respect of their ability and condition to keepe the same, shall agree, set downe, and make presentment of those that shalbe allowed at the first Sessions to be holden after Easter (where it may be so soone performed) or els at some generall assembly of the Justices for that purpose, to be by them appointed before Whitsuntide next, at such seuerall places within the County, as to them shall seeme meete, where fiue Justices of the Peace at the least, whereof two of the Quorum, shalbe present with the Clearke of the Peace or his Deputie.

ALso, that the Justices of the Peace of the seuerall Limits or diuisions, or three of them, (whereof one to be of the Quorum) with the Clerke of the Peace or his Deputie, within twentie dayes next after

after such presentment, and Allowances as aforesaid, shall assemble themselues and take Recognizances, and graunt Licences to the seuerall persons that shalbe so allowed, as aforesaid, at the generall Quarter Sessions, or assembly of the Justices of Peace, as aforesaid.

ALso, that none bee Licenced or allowed to keepe an Alehouse, that is in Liuery or Retainer to any man.

ALso, that certaine Articles of good order be conceiued by the Justices of the Peace fit for euery Alehouse-keeper, Tipler or Victualler to obserue, And that the Justices see the same straightly obserued, And that they doe certifie the same before the ende of Trinitie Terme next, to the Lords of his Maiesties priuie Councell, to the end, if cause so require, further directions may be added hereunto.

ALso, that the Alehouse keepers bee bound by Recognizance against vn-

lawfull games, and for keeping of good Order and rule in their Houses according to the Statute in that behalfe made, As also to bring in their Licences at that Sessions Twelue-moneth, or Generall meeting of the Justices of Peace, as aforesaid, if hee so long continue an Alehouse-keeper, And so yerely so long as such their Licences shall stand in force, to bee allowed or disallowed, according to the meaning of these Articles.

ALl Licences of Alehouse-keepers shalbe sealed with a common Seale ingrauen in Brasse or Siluer, with a Rose, and the Inscription of the Countie, Citie, or Towne corporate, hauing authoritie to hold sessions of the Peace, where such Alehouse shall be, And the same Seale shall be appointed and prouided by the Clearke of the Peace, or Towne-Clearke respectiuely; For the charge of making whereof, they shall haue allowance made out of their next receipt.

Also

ALso that the Clearke of the Peace in euery County, and Town-clarke in euery City, or other Officer of that nature in Townes Corporate, where they haue authoritie to holde Sessions of the Peace, shall haue the keeping of the said Seale, and shall signe the said Licences that shall be so allowed as aforesaid with his hand, and set the said Seale to the same, And shall haue for the making of euery such Licence, & taking Recognizance aforesaid Two shillings, And for the Sealing of the said Licence with the said common Seale, there shall bee paide in hand to the said Clerke to his Maiesties vse, for all Licences in Cities, Townes corporate or Market Townes Eight shillings a peece, and in other Villages Foure shillings. And that no other charge by any meanes be imposed vpon the said Ale-house-keepers, nor reward taken of them for their allowance, And the said Clarkes of the Peace & Towne Clarks, and euery of them be bound to his Maiestie in Recognizance, with sufficient

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Suerties to be taken by the Custos Rotulorum, or any two Justices of the Peace, in a competent summe for the true answering of their Receipts from time to time, into his Maiesties Receipt of the Exchequer, within fourtie dayes after euery Sessions of the Peace, and shall pay no Fees in the said Court of Exchequer vpon the paying in of his said moneys, nor for passing of his accompt. The persons Licenced, shal at the Sessions Twelue moneth, or generall Assembly of the Justices as aforesaid, after their Licences granted, bring their Licences to the said Sessions, or generall Assembly of Justices as aforesaid, there to be seene, and consideration to be had, whether they shall be found fit to stand or not: And if they shall be allowed by the said Justices, or the more part of them to stand for one yeere longer, Then the said Clearke shall enter vpon the said Licence, Allocatur pro vno anno tantum duraturo, entring withall the date of such allowance. And shal receiue of the same person for such allowance to his Maie-

ſties vſe, the like ſumme as before vpon the firſt granting. And for his ſuch entry of allowance onely Eight pence for himſelfe. And ſo ſhall all Licences bee preſented, and ſuch ſummes paid vpon allowance, yeerely, as long as the ſaid Licences ſhall remaine in force. And if any perſon ſo Licenced ſhall faile to preſent his Licence to bee allowed or diſallowed, or to pay vpon his allowance ſuch ſummes yerely as aforeſaid, Then his Licence ſhall preſently ceaſe and be voide.

ALſo to the end that it may certainely appeare what Ale-houſes ſhall from time to time ſtand and be allowed in forme aforeſaide in euery Countie, Citie and Towne Corporate where Juſtices of peace are, The Clarke of the peace or Towne Clarke ſhall within twentie dayes after the ende of euery Seſſions, or generall Aſſemblie of Juſtices as aforeſaid, make vp a booke containing the names of all the perſons licenſed of new, or continued at ſuch Seſ-

sions, and the places where they keepe such Ale-houses, and shall present the same to the Justices of the peace at the said Sessions, which saide Justices of the peace, or any foure of them (whereof two to be of the Quorum or in Cities and Townes Corporate, two Justices of the peace, whereof one to bee of the Quorum,) shall subscribe their names to euery page of the said booke, that no alteration may be made. And that the said Justices, or one of them keepe a true note of the number of such Ale-houses entered into such booke, that it may bee knowen for what number and for what time the Clarke of the peace & Towne Clarke ought to answere.

BEfore the end of Easter Terme next, a true and perfect booke shalbe made by the Clarke of the peace of euery Shire, and the Towne Clarke of euery Citie or Towne Corporate (hauing authoritie to keepe Sessions of peace) containing all the Ale-houses and Victualling houses in euery seuerall Countie,

Citie

Citie and Towne Corporate, within this Realme, and how many, and who they be that keepe them. And that before the end of Trinitie Terme next, a true and perfect Transcript be made of the same by the Clarke of the Peace or Towne Clarke respectiuely to whome it may appertaine, And before the ende of the said Trinitie Terme the same be certified vnder the hands of the Iustices of Peace of the Shire, Citie or Towne Corporate, or of foure of them (whereof two to bee of the Quorum, or in Cities and Townes Corporate vnder the hand of two, whereof one to be of the Quorum) to the Lords of his Maiesties most honourable priuie Councel, and the like booke and in like manner and forme to bee yeerely made, and certified at and within the times aforesaide.

ALso that it bee carefully looked into that the number of Ale-houses bee not increased but diminished, and specially that none be suffered to keepe Ale-

houſes vnlicenſed, or otherwiſe licenſed then according to the preſcript aforeſaide.

SAuing, that in caſe where any Alehouſe-keeper, Licenſed as aforeſaid, ſhall die or remoue, or for his ill rule or miſbehauiour, thought fit by two Juſtices of the Peace, whereof one to be of the Quorum, to be put downe, That then ſuch other to bee appointed in the ſame Pariſh or Hamlet, as ſhalbe Licenſed and allowed as aforeſaide, at the next Seſſions of the Peace, or generall Aſſembly of the Juſtices, whereat fiue Juſtices of the Peace, with the Clearke of the Peace, or his Deputie ſhall bee preſent.

ALſo it is further ordered, that the Alehouſekeepers, Tiplers, and Victuallers within the Pariſhes, Hamlets, and places in the Counties of Middleſex hereafter mentioned, ſhall pay ſuch ſeuerall ſumme and ſummes as is before ſpecified and ordered for Cities, Townes

Townes Corporate, and Market Townes to pay, viz. in

The Libertie of the Duchie of Lancaſter without Temple-barre.
Chancerie lane.
High-Holburne.
Grayes-Inne lane.
Saffron-hill.
S. Giles in the fields.
Maribone.
Paddington.
Kenſington.
Hampſted.
Kentiſh-towne.
Chelſey.
S. Katherines.
Eaſt-Smithfield.
Whitchapell pariſh.
Wapping.

Rosemary lane.
Ratcliffe.
Lime-house.
Stoke-Newington.
Hornesey.
Poplar.
Mile-end.
Bednoll-greene.
Bromley.
Stratford-bow.
Hackney.
Norton-folgate.
Holy-well street.
Shordich.
Hockston.
Finnesburie.
Golding lane.
White-crosse street.
Grub street.
Old street.

S. Iohns ſtreet.
Charterhouſe lane.
Cow-croſſe.
Clerkenwell.
Turmill ſtreet.
Iſlington pariſh.

LAſtly, That the Juſtices of Aſſize in their Circuits, and Juſtices of Peace at their generall Seſſions of the Peace, doe from time to time enquire of the due execution of theſe preſents, and of all Alehouſes kept without ſuch Licenſe, as aforeſaid, and of all other abuſes, diſorders, briberies, extortions, deceipts, and other miſdemeanours whatſoeuer, committed or ſuffered againſt the prouiſions aforeſaide, and the true meaning of them.